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**JUN 28 1951**

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS  
TO EXPLOIT THE DEATH OF STALIN  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

1. At the 21 May meeting of the Administrative Planning Staff set up by Mr. Joseph Phillips to facilitate planning for CANCELLATION, the CIA representatives agreed to take the lead in preparing the intelligence requirements for plans designed to exploit the death of Stalin and for other purposes, and in recommending arrangements for the fulfillment of these requirements. A document setting forth CIA's recommendations was submitted to the 28 May meeting of the Administrative Planning Staff for comment. It was agreed at this meeting that the members of the Staff would be prepared to offer comment on the document at a later meeting and that CIA representatives would, in the meantime, conduct exploratory talks with OIR on the intelligence aspects of the problem.
2. On 4 June, representatives of CIA met with representatives of OIR and tentative agreement was reached on two points:
  - a. That a National Intelligence Estimate be requested on the Soviet vulnerability to various forms of political and psychological action directed toward the weakening or eventual overthrow of the Regime.
  - b. That, prior to the completion of the National Estimate on a priority basis, OIR would undertake certain special studies with respect to subjects of obvious relevance and importance.
3. The Estimate referred to in a. above will serve, among other purposes, as a basis for further intelligence requests to OIR, as a basis for collection requirements to be laid on the field facilities of the IAC agencies and as a basis for operational planning. It is anticipated that the Estimate will be completed by July 31, 1951. No National Intelligence Estimate on Soviet vulnerability to attack has been prepared to date.
4. Representatives of the Administrative Planning Staff will follow up and assist OIR in the preparation and conduct of the special studies referred to above.
5. The Board will be kept advised of future developments. In view of the present arrangements, no action by the Board appears to be necessary at this time.

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